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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON DYSENTERY.

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whenever dysentery is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), and mortality. The information is desired for the purpose of scientific investigations which are being made on this subject.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report of health officer of Los Angeles on the search for plague.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 1, 1901.

SIR: In compliance with the instructions of the board of health of this city, I herewith transmit to you the report of the inspection of Chinatown of Los Angeles, Cal.

Respectfully,

L. M. POWERS,
Health Officer.

[Inclosure.]

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 3, 1901.

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit a report of investigations made of the Chinese in this city to satisfy any doubt of the nonexistence of bubonic plague.

In obedience to your instructions, I made arrangements with the leading Chinese and established a morgue in the Chinese Hospital, and from April 3 until May 10 necropsies were made of all dead Chinese (5 in number), and Dr. S. P. Black and his assistant made tests on lower animals and bacteriological examinations, without finding any evidence of bubonic plague.

We have been closely inspecting for plague since the first report in San Francisco, and have not found any suspicion of the disease existing in this city.

In these inspections we have been kindly aided by Drs. Cofer and Hastings, of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, and Coroner Holland has extended to our office all courtesies.

Respectfully,

L. M. POWERS, *Health Officer.*

BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Arrival at San Francisco quarantine of the steamship China from Hongkong.

SAN FRANCISCO QUARANTINE STATION, June 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company Steamer *China* late on Saturday, June 22. As she arrived after boarding hours, she was not boarded until early on the morning of the 23d.

The vessel left Hongkong about May 24, and brought from that station 47 Asiatics for the crew of the transport *Kintuck*. These 47 were trans-